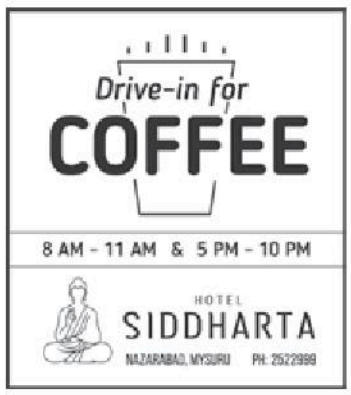




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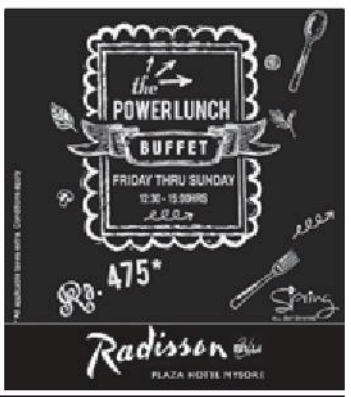



# No corner, commercial sites to land owners

*MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev addressing a press meet in city this morning as MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh looks on.*

## Rules does not permit to allot 20'x30' sites; each farmer to get nine 30'x40' sites per acre

Mysuru, Nov.12 (RKB&DM)- Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman H.V. Rajeev today said that corner or commercial sites will not be allotted to land owners who part with their land for joint development of layouts by MUDA.

Addressing a press meet at MUDA Office on JLB Road here this morning to brief about the outcome of MUDA Council meeting held on Nov. 6, Rajeev clarified that there is no provision in the law to allot corner or commercial sites to land owners.

He said that MUDA is all set to develop layouts jointly with land owners on a 50:50 partnership basis. All measures will be taken to allot sites to the deserving applicants who have been waiting for decades to have a shelter of their own.

So far, farmers have come forward to give around 700 acre of land in and around city. The MUDA will complete formation of all layouts within 18 months of entering into a mutual agreement with farmers.

Disclosing that farmers in several villages surrounding Mysuru such as Udbur, Kellahalli, Talur, Doddakatur and Bommanahalli have voluntarily come forward to part with 2,000 to 3,000 acres of land collectively, Rajeev said that it is happy to note that farmers, who were hitherto favouring Private Developers, are now coming forward to join hands with MUDA as they feel it as a better deal for them. Stating that MUDA has 80,000 pending applications seeking sites, he said sites will be allotted to all deserving applicants on seniority.

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## To Our Readers

*Turn to Page-6 for Abracadabra titled "Two tear drops for Arnab Goswami, wounded journalist."* —Ed

## Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Positive cases yesterday | : | 112 |
| Total positive cases | : | 49,097 |
| Discharges yesterday | : | 141 |
| Total discharges | : | 47,068 |
| Deaths yesterday | : | 1 |
| Total deaths | : | 975 |
| Total active cases | : | 1,054 |

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Thursday 12th November 2020


## BNPMIPL donates Rs. 70 lakh to Mysuru Zoo

Mysuru, Nov. 12 (KS) - Bank Note Paper Mill India Private Limited (BNPMIPL), Mysuru, under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity, has donated Rs. 70 lakh to Mysuru Zoo for the construction of Orangutan enclosures.

Mysuru Zoo, which is self-sustaining, had taken up only important developmental works during 2020-21 following COVID-19 pandemic and had decided to build enclosures for Orangutans which are to be procured from Singapore Zoo under Animal Exchange Programme. As the Zoo had sought donations for the construction, BNPMIPL, under its CSR initiative donated Rs. 70 lakh to Mysuru Zoo.

## New office-bearers of PU Colleges Non-teaching Staff Association

Mysuru, Nov.12- The following were elected unopposed as the new office-bearers of PU Colleges Non-Teaching Staff Association for the period 2020-23 at the Association's General Body Meeting held recently.

Krishna Nayak (Hon. Advisor), R.Vijayalakshmi (Hon.President), C.K.Nagabhushan (President), M.Rajkumar (Vice-President), K.S. Sunil Kumar (Secretary), N. Ashwini (Joint Secretary), D.J. Parvathi (Treasurer), Narayan (Internal Auditor), J.Balaji (District Representative), V.N. Mukunda (Employees Association Representative), Milton Manogaran, H. Kumar, B. Santosh and B.J. Ravikumar (Members) and A.Vijayakumar (D-Group Representative).

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE LAW OF ODD ODDS: ***It is called the law of odd odds. Like when you stay late in office then that is the day the boss leaves early and does not notice your diligence and dedication and the desperate effort you are making to score brownie points. By the same token the day you sneak off early because no one is looking, it is the first time all year the boss will park his car right next to yours just as you are driving out and you will have guilt streaming down your face like rainwater on a spaniel. Ah, the boss will say, leaving so soon, no work today huh? And you will writhe with agony as you go into this twisted pretzel of an explanation that sounds so limp and lame and no one has figured out how you can say well, yes, I worked late all last week so where were you then, fetching up like a genie from a lamp just now, on the one day I have to go early. And talking of late why is there always that one person in every section of every office who makes it a point to stay after hours and then sets that staying late saga to operatic music. I was here till 8.30 last night, he announces with plastic self-effacement, had to clear the backlog. Sound of trumpets as everyone else curls a lip of derision. We all know this person, we might even be this person. And while everyone wants to say that we all know you are trying to make us look like shirkers they are eclipsed by the boss who says good for you Sushil Vishwakarma, keep it up. And no one has yet said if he has to stay till 8.30 when office ends at 6 then why isn't he being indicted for incompetence and why all the cheering.***

***And then the law of odd odds kicks in. The day this snivelling little toadie has to make a presentation everyone is there including all the top guys and the VIP delegation and everything goes silky smoothly. And then when it is the day for you to put your blueprint forward everything goes wrong. The boss is caught in traffic, the VIP has been called by the Minister and won't be coming and the remote audience audio visual system decides to do the dirty and you get zero joy. By the time you get a second shot at the carrot your great effort has become totally redundant and outdated and no one gives a toss. So now stay late and hope the boss notices you when you 'accidentally' bump into him on the stairs.*** — *Bikram Vohra in The Times of India*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### Cat that patrolled the highest peak dies on duty

Mount Washington: A cat who patrolled the highest peak in the northeast U.S. for a dozen years as its weather observatory's mascot has died.

Marty, a black Maine coon cat, succumbed to "an unforeseen illness," Mount Washington Summit Operations Manager Rebecca Scholand said on Monday.

The Mount Washington Observatory staff have had a cat at the 6,288-foot (1,915-meter) summit, called the "home of the world's worst weather," since 1932. The observatory had recently shared the news that Marty would retire from the mountain early in 2021.

Marty, a shelter cat, won 53% of the Mount Washington Mascot Primary in January 2008, the same time that Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican John McCain won their respective races in New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation Presidential primary.

### Scientists discover huge Walrus haulout in Artic Circle

Moscow: Scientists in northern Russia have discovered a huge walrus haulout on the shores of the Kara Sea where their habitat is under threat from shrinking ice and human activity.

The haulout, a place of refuge where walruses congregate, reproduce, and socialise, is located in a remote corner of Russia's Yamal peninsula, and scientists say they counted over 3,000 animals there last month.

Andrei Boltunov, from the Marine Mammal Research and Expedition Center, said the Yamal haulout was first discovered last year but was only properly documented last month. It showed that the Atlantic walrus population was recovering.

## HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

### What supplements are available in liposomal form?

Liposomal Technology makes it possible to encapsulate a supplement in fat "Liposomes," usually lecithin, so that absorption is greatly increased. Supplements now available: Vitamin C, Glutathione, B Vitamins, Alpha lipoic acid, Vitamin D and other common supplements.

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## COVID-19 UPDATE

### Mandya

**Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Positive cases yesterday | : | 57 |
| Total positive cases | : | 17,714 |
| Total discharges | : | 16,846 |
| Total deaths | : | 145 |
| Total active cases | : | 723 |

### Chamarajanagar

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Positive cases yesterday | : | 13 |
| Total positive cases | : | 6,165 |
| Total discharges | : | 5,891 |
| Total deaths | : | 114 |
| Total active cases | : | 149 |

### Kodagu

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Positive cases yesterday | : | 20 |
| Total positive cases | : | 5,074 |
| Total discharges | : | 4,867 |
| Total deaths | : | 64 |
| Total active cases | : | 143 |

### Hassan

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Positive cases yesterday | : | 59 |
| Total positive cases | : | 26,103 |
| Total discharges | : | 24,811 |
| Total deaths | : | 379 |
| Total active cases | : | 913 |

## Really...?

- ***One rabbit behaviour that is significantly less adorable: After digesting a meal, rabbits will sometimes eat their own poop and process it a second time. It may seem gross, but droppings are actually an essential part of a rabbit's diet. They even produce a special type of poop called cecotropes that are softer than their normal pellets and meant to be eaten. Rabbits have a fast-moving digestive system, and by redigesting waste, they're able to absorb nutrients their bodies missed the first time around.***

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Officer Santa:*** *Madam, swimming is restricted in this Lake.*
***Lady:*** *Why didn't you tell me when I was removing my clothes?*
***Officer Santa:*** *THAT IS NOT RESTRICTED !!*

## Today's Currency Rate

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 US Dollar | = Rs. 74.42 |
| 1 UK Pound | = Rs. 98.30 |
| 1 UAE Dirham | = Rs. 20.26 |
| 1 Euro | = Rs. 87.59 |

VOICE OF THE READER

# Pleasant surprises during COVID times

Sir,

I get a small pension from the Employees Provident Fund (EPF), after retiring as an Occupational Therapist, JSS Hospital. November Month is when one must prove one is alive. This year, I received a message on my smart phone that I could do it through an app, as COVID infection put us at risk in crowds. Last year, it entailed a long wait with hundreds of pensioners, at the EPF Head Office.

Several attempts showed the status as pending. I approached the V.V. Mohalla Post Office as the message mentioned one could do the same at Post Offices also. The job was done in a jiffy, by the courteous staff, and I was delighted !

Around 4 pm, a Postwoman, smartly turned up on her bike. She asked if I had registered for the Life Certificate. She had the biometric equipment and could do it at our doorstep. On hearing I got it done at the Post Office, she smiled saying she was happy to provide the service at home. This was a first-of-its-kind in my lifetime! I was amazed, and wondered why this could not be done every year.

COVID has certainly brought out the best in many. I salute the Postal Service for making my life easier.

—**Sashikala Ramnath**

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## Obituary

**Kayamada Rani Machamma**

Mysuru, Nov. 12- Kayamada Rani Machamma (Chodumada), wife of Bopaya and a resident of HUDCO Layout at Lakshmikanthanagar in Hebbal, passed away this morning at her residence in city. She was 72. She leaves behind her husband, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

**Sadmudira Prema Kalappa**

Sadmudira Prema Kalappa (Kedumullur Malettira), a resident of Aravindanagar, passed away yesterday at her residence in city. She was 67. She leaves behind her husband, sons Rashan and Rakshith and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

**Yashodhamma**

Yashodhamma (69), a resident of KHB Colony in Hootagalli, passed away yesterday evening in city. She leaves behind her husband Lakshmegowda, sons Girish, an Engineer at Mysuru City Corporation's Vani Vilas Water Works and Chidananda, daughter Usharani and a host of relatives and friends, according to family sources.

## Housing Minister to tour district tomorrow

*Somanna*

Mysuru, Nov.12- Housing Minister V. Somanna will tour the district tomorrow (Nov.13). He will arrive atop Chamundi Hill at 8.30am and offer prayers at the hill temple. Later he will address a press meet on the progress of housing schemes, at the Government Guest House in Nazarbad at 9 am and visit Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill at 10 am. Then he will proceed to Yelwal to distribute *Santwana* (Compensatory) sites to land owners who have parted with their land for KRS Nisarga Layout at 11am.

Later, he will inspect the house construction works undertaken by Slum Development Board at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Colony at 2.30 pm, following which he will leave for Nanjangud to inaugurate houses built by SMP Developers at Mahalakshmi Layout at 3.30 pm. Somanna will leave for Srirangapatna at 4pm, according to a press release.

# KSRTC staff demand payment of salaries

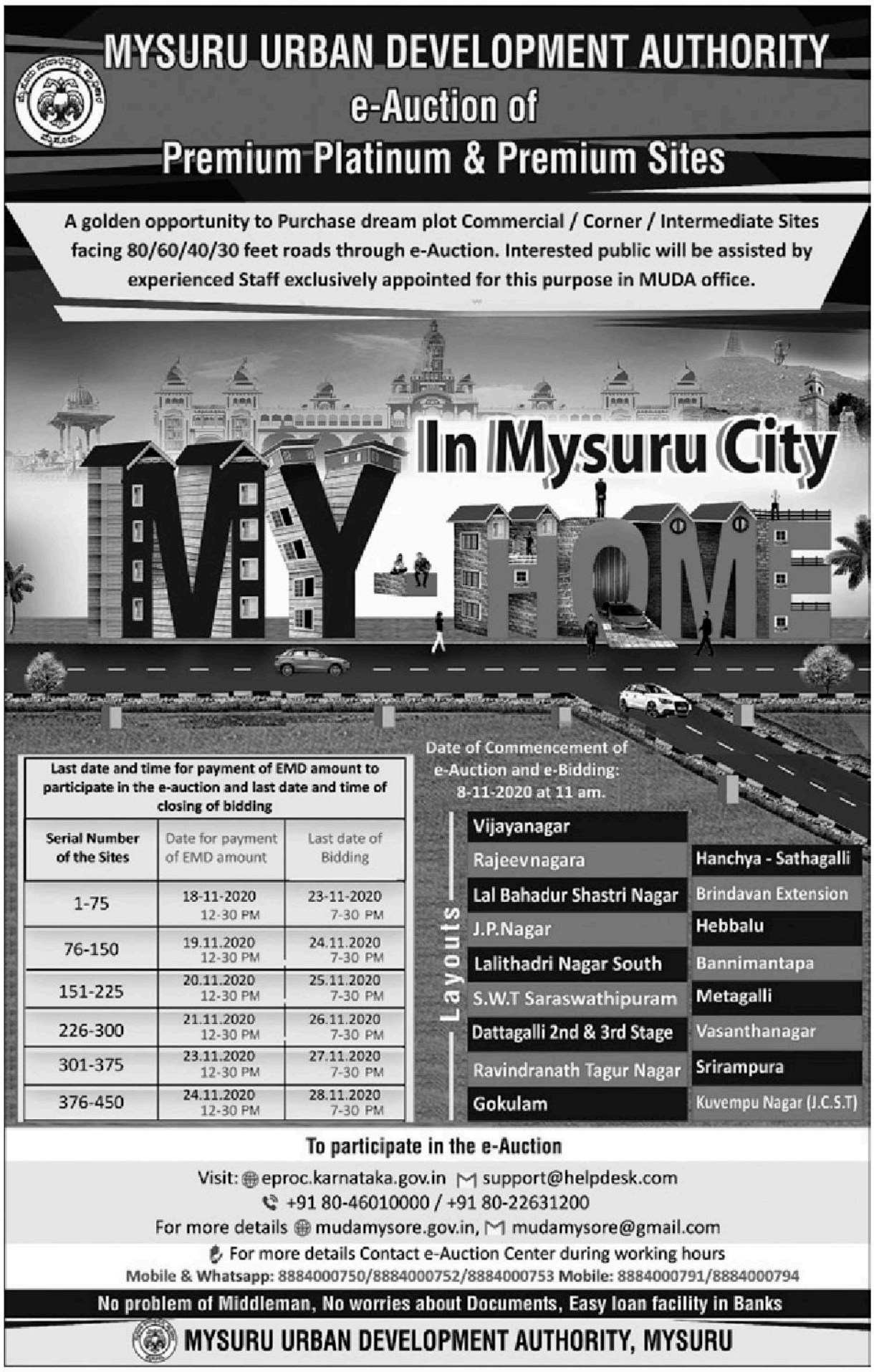
Mysuru, Nov. 12 (SPN&DM)- The KSRTC Employees Union has urged the Government to release funds for meeting the salaries of employees for the month of October, before Diwali festival.

In a press release, the Union President Mallaiah said that about 1.20 lakh employees and 25,000 contract workers are serving in the four State Transport Corporations (KSRTC, BMTC, NWKRTC and NEKRTC).

The Government suspended bus services in March following the outbreak of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic. Though bus services resumed in June, the KSRTC is suffering huge losses due to various factors such as lack of passengers, rising fuel prices and non-full scale operations.

The Government, taking note of the plight of the employees, provided grants for payment of wages for four months. But the employees are yet to get the wages for the month of October, which has caused concern among the employees.

As such, the Government should immediately release funds for payment of October salaries before Deepavali, Mallaiah said and urged the Chief Minister to take serious note of the issue and sanction funds to Transport Corporations at the earliest.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226-300 | 21.11.2020 12-30 PM | 26.11.2020 7-30 PM
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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Skill Training at GTTC

The Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC), Mysuru, is providing free training for poor unemployed SC/ST youth who have passed SSLC, ITI, Diploma, and BE (Mechanical, IP, Tool and amp; Die-making, Precession Manufacturing). Selected candidates will be trained in CNC programmer, CAD, CAM, tool room machinist, mechanical catia, UG, Pro-E, Auto CAD, Solidworks and PDTD among others. Interested candidates aged between 16 and 45 years may register by logging on *http://www.kaushalkar.com* before Nov. 30. Attractive scholarships and free job assistance will also be provided to all candidates on successful completion of the training. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2582750 or Mob: 91416-29598 or 99454-42654.

### Liquidation of Co-op. Societies

The Chetana Multi-purpose Souharda Co-operative Society and Periyasiri Multi-purpose Souharda Co-operative Society, both in Periyapatna taluk of Mysuru district, have ceased to function for long. Though the two Societies have ceased to function for over three years, no proposals or plans have been received for their revival. As such, the Co-operation Department has proposed to liquidate them, for which it has invited objections from the members of the Societies or general public, who are still willing to revive them. The objections must be filed before the concerned competent authority within 15 days. In case no objections are received within the 15-day deadline, the Co-operation Department will go ahead with the liquidation of the two Societies, according to a press release issued by the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, according to a press release.

### KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

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|---|---|
| Today | 123.80 ft |
| Yesterday | 123.90 ft |
| Inflow | 4,427 cusecs |
| Outflow | 5,805 cusecs |

### Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

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| Today | 2,278.76 ft |
| Inflow | 485 cusecs |
| Outflow | 2,290 cusecs |

### Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

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|---|---|
| Today | 2,850.93 ft |
| Inflow | 112 cusecs |
| Outflow | 1,700 cusecs |

# Ready to build flyover or underpass

## if Cops identify 'black spots' on Ring Road: MP

Mysuru, Nov. 12 (MTY&SSV)- Mysuru and Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has said steps will be taken to construct underpass or a flyover at a cost of Rs. 30 crore at each point under the new scheme of Government of India if junctions on Mysuru Ring Road were declared as 'Black Spot' by Police.

*Pratap Simha*

Speaking at Airport Consultative Committee (ACC) meeting here on Tuesday, he said that accidents were taking place at Bogadi on Ring Road, T. Narasipur, Nanjangud and KRS Road junctions. "There is an urgent need to build either underpass or flyover to check road mishaps. The Central Government has earmarked Rs. 30 crore for each 'black spot' to prevent mishaps. It will be possible to construct underpass or flyover if Cops declare those accident spots as 'black spots'," he added.

*Black spot near Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram on Ooty Road in city.*

**Ten-lane project**

The work on ten-lane project between Mysuru and Bengaluru was going on in full swing and it was expected to complete by September 2022. For the sake of travellers to Kodagu district, steps had been taken to build 4-lane project starting from Paschima Vahini near Srirangapatna up to Kushalnagar.

The State Govt. had already given its nod for land acquisition for this project, the MP said.

Simha said Mysuru Ring Road had been included under National Highway and released funds for development of 45 km stretch of Ring Road. Work for development of road from Hinkal Junction up to Columbia Asia Hospital had been initiated at a cost of Rs. 15 crore.

Tenders will be floated to take up improvement of 32 km Ring Road at a cost of Rs. 145 crore. A Service Road between Nanjangud and T. Narasipur Road will be constructed and tendering process will commence within next 15 to 20 days.

# Mysuru DC to write to the Government on sugarcane price revision

Mysuru, Nov. 12 (YDS&DM)- With farmers demanding a higher price for sugarcane, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri has assured them that she will send a report to the Government seeking revision of cane price.

The DC held a meeting with sugarcane growers and farmers to discuss their issues at her office here on Tuesday.

During the course of the meeting, Rohini Sindhuri directed the officials to stop sugarcane arrivals from other districts and to ask sugar factories to start crushing of sugarcane that are 14-16 months old. She also asked the officials to ensure that sugar factories collect only the charges fixed by the Government for cane cutting and transportation.

The DC further assured the farmers that the registration of paddy procurement centres will commence soon and that she will write to the Government to issue directions on buying at least 100 quintals of paddy from every farmer and also to announce an additional Rs. 200 per quintal as support price.

Speaking after the meeting, State Sugarcane Growers Association President Kurubur Shantakumar said that the DC was told that the sugar factories were not coming forward for sugarcane cutting even after 15-16 months of cultivation, when it is generally ideal to cut cane after 12 months and that the factories were paying the growers less than the price stipulated by the Government.

The DC assured of addressing the issues raised by the sugarcane growers by writing to the Government, he said and urged the Government to raise the cane price in the wake of rising production costs.

Farmer leader P. Somashekar said that the farmers were not getting lorries for transporting sugarcane to factories. He wanted the Government to hike cane price taking into consideration the increasing production costs.

Sugarcane Gowers Association office-bearers Attalli Devaraj, Hallikerehundi Bhagyaraj, Kurubur Siddesh, C.K. Ravindra, Ankappa Kendagannaswamy, Baradanapura Nagaraj, Mahadevaswamy, Manjunath, Prasad Nayaka, Gourishankar, K.G. Guruswamy, Pradeep, Prabhakar, B.P. Parashivamurthy and others attended the meeting.

# MUDA reclaims sites worth Rs. 1 crore

Mysuru, Nov. 12- In yet another drive for clearing its encroached properties, the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) on Tuesday reclaimed two sites worth about Rs. 1 crore, located in the North East of N.R. Mohalla locality's old area.

One Mohsin Taj, after succeeding in getting the Khata from the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) by creating fake documents in respect of site Nos. 537/K and 537/L, each measuring 30'x40' in the locality, had illegally secured the sites by constructing a wall around them.

But MUDA authorities, upon coming to know of the fake documents, reclaimed the two sites on Tuesday, with the jurisdictional NR Police providing security.

MUDA Zonal Officers G. Mohan and H.N. Ravindra Kumar and other officials were present.

## New telephone number for Lokayukta

Mysuru, Nov. 12- The Lokayukta office in city has got a **new telephone number [0821-2957494]**.

The earlier number [0821-2521100] has been changed and the new number is being used now, according to a press release from the Superintendent of Police (SP), Lokayukta Police, Mysuru Division.

# PPE kit Disposal Problem elsewhere but not in Mysuru

*Dr. D. G. Nagaraj, Health Officer, MCC*

**One of the major challenges in the treatment of COVID-19 patients has been the disposal of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits used by doctors, paramedics and nurses in COVID Care Centres and designated Government and Private Hospitals.**

**A few months ago, the State Government came under fire for dumping the used PPE kits on outskirts of cities. This made the Government to prescribe the guidelines for the safe disposal of PPE kits as it contained the virus that can spread to those who touch it accidentally.**

**The national capital of India, Delhi, is facing the problem of disposing of PPE kits which are dumped by people at crematorium and burial ground after attending last rites of their near and dear ones who died of Corona.**

**Recently, there was a hue and cry when a used PPE kit was found dumped on the KRS road. Residents heaved a sigh of relief after it was cleared by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) staff by following the safety norms.**

**In Mysuru, over 1,000 PPE kits are used daily by doctors, paramedical staff, nurses, attendants of Home Quarantine patients and people attending funeral of Corona positive patients. It is really interesting to know how the used PPE kits are disposed. Dr. D. G. Nagaraj, MCC Health Officer, spoke to *Star of Mysore* this morning on procedures followed in the safe disposal of PPE kits. Excerpts.** — Ed

**By Shyam Sundar Vattam**

***Star of Mysore: Disposal of used PPE kit is said to be one of the most difficult jobs in COVID-19 treatment. How is the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) managing this?***

**Dr. D.G. Nagaraj:** The Union Health Ministry has issued strict guidelines, especially for the disposal of used PPE kits due to chances of contracting the virus by mere touch of it. There are instances of people testing Corona positive for not taking precaution in the disposal of PPE kit. A few months ago, somebody had dumped the kit on KRS Road after attending the funeral of the Corona positive patient. The MCC authorities rushed to the spot and picked it by taking all precautions. Since then we are very careful in dealing with the PPE kits.

***Star of Mysore: Who will collect the used PPE kits? Whether MCC or some other agency?***

**Dr. Nagaraj:** Hitherto, the MCC was collecting it from the Government and Private Hospitals. Subsequently, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) appointed two agencies exclusively for the collection of PPE kits, gloves and other items used by doctors, paramedics, nurses, health volunteers and citizens as per standard practice. Their job is mainly to visit all the Government and Private Hospitals, COVID Care Centres, Designated COVID Hospitals and individual houses (where patients are under Home Quarantine). These are categorised as bio-medical waste that need to be disposed of as per standard procedure. After collecting them, they are kept separately in red bag and disinfected once again before burning them in incinerator.

***Used PPE kits are collected in red bags while leftover food collected separately in yellow bags.***

> ***Star of Mysore: Delhi is learnt to be facing problem of disposing the used PPE kits. Is this problem prevailing in Mysuru too?***
>
> **Dr. Nagaraj:** Luckily, we are in a better position especially in dealing with these bio-medical wastes. The PPE kits used by people in crematorium and burial ground are collected by the MCC staff, stored separately in red bags and then handed over to agencies concerned. Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri and MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde have evolved a separate mechanism to deal with this dry waste disposal. Now, everything is going smoothly due to co-operation of two agencies.

***Star of Mysore: What about leftover food, paper plates and paper cups used by Corona positive patients? Who will take care of it?***

**Dr. Nagaraj:** This is called as wet waste which is taken care of by the MCC. There are dedicated vehicles and personnel who visit all the Government and the Private Hospitals, houses of isolated patients in home two times in a day to collect leftover food, paper plates and paper cups used by COVID-19 patients and collected separately in yellow bag. Then they are taken to far off places where they are disposed scientifically. While two agencies look after PPE kits, gloves and masks, the MCC will deal with leftover food and others used of Corona positive patients. The people involved in this job take every precaution to protect them from contracting the virus. This job is quite a challenge but we are managing it without any laxity. The MCC has fixed charges for the collection of wet waste from Private Hospitals depending upon its bed strength.

***Star of Mysore: People are throwing used face mask on roadsides in almost every city. Is this problem prevailing in Mysuru. If so what steps have you taken to address this?***

**Dr.Nagaraj:** We faced this problem during initial days of outbreak of Corona with citizens throwing the used face masks everywhere without understanding its impact. Subsequently, the reusable face mask entered the market and people started buying them than the single use mask. This has reduced the problem to great extent. In fact, the rate of reusable mask is cheaper than that of single use mask. Now, people buy reusable mask — use, wash and wear them. But still there are people who dump the used face mask in public places. The MCC has appealed to the citizens to put the used face masks in separate covers and handover to Pourakarmikas so that the covers are kept separately and disposed scientifically.

***Burning of bio-medical waste in process at one of the disposable centres in city.***

# Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

## Two tear drops for Arnab Goswami, wounded journalist

Two drops of tears rolled down my cheeks at 4.15 pm yesterday, Wednesday, 11th November, as I was watching the *Republic TV*. It was the moment the Supreme Court announced the grant of bail to Arnab Goswami, Chief of *Republic TV*. As we know, he was jailed for the last eight days in a case of 'abetment to commit suicide' which was closed in 2018 but suddenly 'reopened' by the present Uddhav Thackeray Government which is a coalition of Shiv Sena, Congress and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP).

I felt embarrassed, finding my eyes well-up and tears rolling down. I took a quick look at my wife who too was watching the TV from the corner of my eyes. She was engaged in clearing her wet glasses of the specs. Quickly, I wiped my tears. Both of us were speechless, choked with emotion surging from the heart.

The closed criminal case has two other accused also, who too were arrested, but they were not "star accused" like Arnab Goswami. They were tragically caught in the cross-fire between Arnab Goswami and the Maharashtra Government. They too were granted bail by the Supreme Court yesterday along with him but it was only Arnab Goswami's incarceration that attracted all-India and even world-over attention. Surprisingly, a large number of Indian TV channels and newspapers chose to ignore this historic legal fight, in a democratic country, between the media, known as the 'Fourth Pillar' of Democracy, and the Power of the State.

Yes, before the Power of the State, the Power of the Media is of no consequence as we saw for the last eight days in the case of *Republic TV* which had taken on the Maharashtra State Government on many issues, mostly criminal. Thank God, there is the Supreme Court with Judges who would uphold the majesty of law and, in this unequal fight between the Media and the State, dispense justice in a way that would **preserve and protect** our democratic, secular polity. I salute our Supreme Court.

In contrast I remember the years 1975-1977 how the Supreme Court 'upheld justice.' I was reminded of this political and judicial aberration by Maj. General (retd.) G.D. Bakshi, who was giving his perception of this war of attrition between Arnab Goswami and the State of Maharashtra. He rightly mentioned the names of famous constitutional advocate Nani A. Palkhivala and the Supreme Court Judge Justice H.R. Khanna. I remembered Palkhivala, who was defending Indira Gandhi in one case, returning the case file to Indira Gandhi when she declared the Emergency in 1975 and H.R. Khanna was denied of promotion (I think) as CJI as he did not co-operate with the Emergency Government. I guess, it is this kind of people who contribute to strengthen our Democracy and Secularism. Others, as L.K. Advani famously said of the Press (Media) that 'they chose to crawl when they were merely asked to bend.' I am reminded of this kind of Media behaviours seeing the way a majority of media behaved in connection with this just war of the *Republic TV* with the Maharashtra State Power, which is apparently abused like in 1975. Let it be.

*Supreme Court*

*Arnab Goswami*

As could be expected in arrests of any VIP, from any field of activity, here too we saw people protesting in different parts of the country in support of Arnab Goswami on seeing the Honourable High Court of Bombay refusing bail and the other two Lower Courts were also of no help. That was why poor Arnab Goswami went to the Supreme Court as the last resort for a freedom-loving citizen. Supreme Court is the Kashi among the temples of justice in our country. By the way, it was a sign of civilised behaviour on the part of those who were protesting that there was no arson, looting and violence, we usually see when protests take place.

Having seen our Law Courts from close quarters since 1960, I should say this time Arnab Goswami was lucky to have a person of the stature of Justice Y. V. Chandrachud to dispense justice without postponing the 'Judgement Day' to another day like it happened in CJM's Court, Sessions Court and Bombay High Court. It is rightly said, no matter what the judgement is, but 'Justice delayed is justice denied' to the litigants.

Honestly, my hope for Arnab Goswami's release from jail began to wax the moment I heard of the composition of the Bench comprising Justice Chandrachud and Justice Indira Banerjee. My hopes were not belied. After all, no matter what 'system' we have put in place for just and efficient administration, its efficacy depends on the individuals who head or work for the system. Which is why we need people like Justice H.R. Khanna, V.R. Krishna Iyer (who famously declared from the Supreme Court Bench that 'Granting bail is the rule and jail is an exception') and now Justice Chandrachud. May the tribe of this kind of Judges increase in all our Law Courts. Such Judges are the salt of the earth, as Bible says.

For now, all the best to Arnab and may the State Power be used keeping in mind the Democratic principles of 'checks and balances', giving up totally the temptation for vindictive exercise of the State Power.

Interestingly, the BJP Spokesperson Sambit Patra said on TV that Arnab Goswami would be the Nelson Mandela of India who fought for 'Freedom of the Press' which also means Freedom of Speech and Expression of a citizen of this democratic and free country under the Constitution. *Jai Hind*

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# Green Crackers

## ...I am not aware of it

Mysuru, Nov. 12 (PM&SSV)- "I do not know what green cracker means. I will ask somebody and get back to you". This is how Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar reacted to a question on the use of green crackers during the coming Deepavali festival.

Talking to reporters here yesterday, he said Technical Committee on COVID-19 management headed by Dr. K.C. Sudharshan had submitted a report to him and the same was handed over to CM B.S. Yediyurappa. On the basis of report, the CM had given permission to burn only green crackers that too between 8 pm and 10 pm.

**Declining**

Replying to a question, the Minister said Corona positive cases which was 12 percent to 19 percent in some districts, has now dropped to 2 percent. It was important to maintain this trend till COVID-19 vaccine was available. Trials were in different stages and a few candidates have successfully conducted trial-3. Days are not far from finding a suitable vaccine to defeat Corona. Till then the guidelines prescribed by Union Health Ministry must be followed.

*Dr. K. Sudhakar*

**I am helpless**

On flouting safety protocol during rallies by political parties during by-polls to Sira and RR Nagar, he said the norms were same for all parties including BJP. Everyone knows well that Corona virus was still active and they can get infected if safety norms were not foiled. Even Karnataka High Court has rapped the State Government over the absence of safety guidelines during political rallies and sought to know why the authorities concerned failed to book for not wearing facemasks and not maintaining safe distance. "What I can say. I am helpless in this regard", he added.

## Two Cops on night patrolling killed as vehicle rams into roadside tree

K.R. Nagar, Nov. 12 (Chunchanakatte Madhu&KS)- An Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) and a Head Constable (HC), who were returning after night patrolling, were killed on the spot when their vehicle rammed into a roadside tree near Siddanakoppal Gate in the wee hours of today. The deceased are ASI Murthy (57) and HC Shanthakumar (46), attached to K.R. Nagar Police Station.

Murthy, a native of Navilur in Chamarajanagar, leaves behind his wife and two sons. Shanthakumar, a native of Bettadapura in Periyapatna, leaves behind his wife, a son and a daughter.

Murthy and Shathamurthy, after patrolling Bherya, Saligrama and Chunchanakatte, were returning to K.R. Nagar when

the Cop, who was behind the wheels, lost control of the vehicle which rammed into a roadside tree killing both on the spot at about 1.30 am today.

SP C.B. Ryshyanth and South Dy.SP Sumith visited the spot. The bodies were shifted to K.R. Nagar Govt. Hospital mortuary where post-mortem was conducted before handing over to the family members. Last rites will be conducted at their native places today. K.R. Nagar Police have registered a case.

## Miscreants chop, take away sandalwood tree right in front of Police Station

Hunsur, Nov. 12- Miscreants have allegedly chopped and have made away with a fully grown sandalwood tree right in front of the Police Station. The sandalwood was grown inside a park, near the General Hospital opposite the Police Station on S.J. Road in the town. The miscreants, after sawing the sandalwood tree, chopped it into pieces and have taken it away.

Following information from the public, the Police, who visited the spot, conducted an inspection and have registered a case.

This is the third sandalwood tree in the park that has been taken away by miscreants.

Last month, miscreants had felled a sandalwood tree grown in front of the house of one Harish in Brahmins Layout and had taken away the trunk. The miscreants had latched the house from outside to prevent them from coming outside before fleeing from the spot.

# All crackers are green... light it without tension

Mysuru, Nov.12 (MTY&SSV)- Over 90 per cent of crackers manufactured at Sivakasi in Tamil Nadu (TN) are green crackers and people can light firecrackers without worry of causing air pollution, said office-bearers of Hebbal Industrial Area Crackers Traders Association.

Addressing a joint press conference here his morning, V. Ravi, Anand, Harish and Manikanth said that in 2018, a few individuals filed a writ in Supreme Court seeking a ban on the manufacture of firecrackers on the ground of causing severe air pollution. Several Central Government agencies were engaged by the Apex Court to suggest chemicals that would not cause harm to the environment. Subsequently, all cracker manufacturing units in TN have been using chemicals suggested by the Central Government agencies.

They said that every bundle of cracker carries the sticker 'Green Cracker' and people could check it before buying.

*From left:* ***V. Ravi, Anand, Harish and Manikanta during the press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city this morning.***

However, the sticker is put only on the big bundle and not on small packets. So, people should not get confused and think those are not green crackers. The order from the State Government on bursting only green crackers came just a week ago, but wholesale traders had purchased the stock over a month ago. "The firecrackers we sell are purely green crackers. Buy it without any tension", they added.

They pointed out that firecrackers sold across the city in designated stall were green crackers and they will not cause any harm to the environment. In fact, pollution from vehicles amount to 90 per cent of air pollution and the cracker may add 3-4 per cent that too during Deepavali festival. Since the citizens have not celebrated any major festival in the last seven months due to outbreak of COVID-19, they have got an additional 10 per cent stock with a hope that people will buy in large quantity. In the wake of Corona, rates have not been hiked, they added.

# MLC urges for immediate release of salaries to Engineering Colleges staff

Mysuru, Nov. 12 (PM&DM)- Maintaining that the staff of private and aided Engineering Colleges are not paid salaries for the past three months, JD(S) MLC Marithibbegowda has urged Dy.CM Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, who is also the Higher Education Minister, to take measures for immediate release of pending salaries.

In a press release, Marithibbegowda, who represents South Teachers Constituency in Legislative Council, said that the staff of Engineering Colleges are facing a lot of hardship due to non payment of salaries.

Pointing out that the problem has been persistent for the past ten years, he regretted that the Governments had failed in timely release of salaries for both the teaching and non-teaching staff, which was posing a lot of problems for the staff.

*Marithibbegowda*

Accusing officials of apathy, he urged the Higher Education Minister to immediately take steps to release pending salaries at the earliest and thus come to their rescue during these trying times of COVID-19 pandemic.

# No corner, commercial sites to land owners

**(Continued from page 1)**

As far as applications seeking houses are concerned, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev said that the entire process is being overhauled with the preparation of a new seniority list.

### Rs. 10 lakh in advance

Stating that owners of land who enter into the joint agreement will be paid Rs. 10 lakh in advance, he said that as per the provisions of the draft agreement, the total number of sites that are formed in Layouts will be shared on 50:50 ratio and that the land owner will get about 9 sites of 30'x40' dimension each per acre.

"After the fixation of base price per square feet of land, the land owners can handover to MUDA a site valued at Rs. 10 lakh out of the total area of developed Layout or alternatively, the land owners can get an available site after paying Rs. 10 lakh to MUDA in lieu of the price fixed by MUDA for the site," he said.

He further said that, all land owners who get sites will have the right to dispose them at their convenience. Continuing, he said that in case of lands where there are more than one owner, the title deeds will be issued jointly based on the ratio of the sites that they will be allotted.

Referring to CA (Civic Amenities) sites, Rajeev said that MUDA is mulling on taking back such CA sites which have remained vacant for nearly 20 years and where the allottees have failed to pay even a single instalment towards the cost of the site.

Regarding the formation of a Task Force on the lines of BDA, Rajeev said that it will be tasked with safeguarding all MUDA properties, both land and buildings, from encroachments and also in assisting the land owners who voluntarily come forward to part with their land.

MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh and other officials were present at the press meet.

## PU College Principals transfer

# Priority list published

Mysuru, Nov. 12 (SPN&DM)- The Department of Pre-University Education has published the final priority list for pending transfer of PU College Principals for the year 2019-20, which is to take place through counselling. The list was finalised after scrutinising the objections received.

The Joint Director of Pre-University Education has instructed the DDPUEs of Mysuru, Hassan, Chamarajanagar, Mandya, Kodagu and all other districts to publish the finalised list on the college notice boards.

## Gram Panchayat elections

# State Election Commission to hold video-conference with all DCs and SPs

Mysuru, Nov. 12- With the Gram Panchayat polls likely to take place at the end of the year, the State Election Commission will hold a meeting with all Deputy Commissioners (DC) and Superintendents of Police (SP) through **video-conference on Nov. 17,** to discuss the preparedness of the District Administrations for the conduct of polls.

The video-conference in respect of Bengaluru and Kalaburagi Revenue Divisions will take place from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm and of Belagavi and Mysuru Revenue Divisions from 3 pm to 5.30 pm. All the DCs, ZP CEOs and SPs have been asked to take part in the meeting.


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# Three-month theatre training for women begins at Rangayana

*Senior theatre artiste Ratna Mirle inaugurated the theatre training camp for women titled 'Padma Shri Nagarathnamma Women's Theatre Training Camp' at Rangayana in city on Tuesday. Picture right shows participants of Subbaiah Naidu Theatre Training Camp presenting 'Kolata' on the occasion.*

Mysuru, Nov. 12 (MK&SD)- Padma Shri Nagarathnamma Women's Theatre Training Camp, organised by Rangayana, was inaugurated at Rangayana premises here on Tuesday. Senior theatre artiste Ratna Mirle inaugurated the three-month theatre training camp for women by traditionally exchanging 'bagina' with the camp participants.

Later, addressing the theatre enthusiasts, Ratna Mirle lauded the efforts of Rangayana for hosting theatre camp exclusively for women. Remembering her days as a theatre artiste, she said, "Before establishing Rangayana, B.V. Karanth was in close contact with our 'Samatento' theatre troupe. As Rangayana grew, it also helped amateur theatre artistes grow along with it. Besides the number of audience also increased as the number of artistes rose steadily."

Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa, who presided over the event, said: "Over the last eight months, theatre activities had come to a standstill due to the pandemic. Gradually, Rangayana started organising various activities and is attracting theatre enthusiasts towards it."

Expressing his desire to keep the theatre repertory always active, he said: "Starting with planting of saplings amidst Corona crisis, many programmes are being organised. Now, the Rangayana and Bharatiya Rangashikshana Kendra have resumed training school. Subbaiah Naidu Theatre Training Camp is already underway."

Stating that women have to face more challenges in theatre and we should take them along with us, the Rangayana Director said that keeping this in mind, to encourage women artistes, Rangayana has organised a three-month theatre training exclusively for women, in memory of Padma Shri Nagarathnamma, who is known to have formed women theatre troupe.

**COVID guidelines in place**

Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, who spoke, said that all the COVID guidelines are being followed at the camps and weekend shows being organised at Rangayana. Already, 26 theatre enthusiasts are taking part in the Subbaiah Naidu Theatre Training Camp, he added.

On the occasion, participants of Subbaiah Naidu Theatre Training Camp presented 'Kolata.' Senior Rangayana artiste Geetha Montadka, Camp Director Dhanya Kotian, Convenor Arasikere Yogananda, artiste R.C. Dhananjay and others were present.

# Rotary West inducts new members

*Newly inducted members are seen with 'Challenging Star' Darshan Thoogudeepa, President Rtn. PHF Dr. M.D. Ragahavendra Prasad, Secretary Rtn. PHF D.K. Dinesh Kumar, District Governor Rtn. Ranganath Bhat, Assistant Governor Rtn. B. Ramaradhya and others.*

Mysuru, Nov. 12- Rotary West Mysore held a Mega Induction Programme of New Members at Mysore Socials (North Avenue) in city recently.

'Challenging Star' Darshan Thoogudeepa was the guest of honour. District Governor Rtn. Ranganath Bhat was the chief guest and officer for induction. Assistant Governor Rtn. B. Ramaradhya was the special invitee.

President Rtn. PHF Dr. M.D. Ragahavendra Prasad, Rtn. PHF D.K. Dinesh Kumar, PDGs, Past Presidents, President-elect Dr. B. Chandra, Treasurer Rtn. Gangadhar Gowda and many Rotarians participated in the event. The prospective Rotarians for the Club were inducted and all were administered oath.

The special issue of Rotary bulletin, 'Brindavan' was released on the occasion. Rtn. Peush Kumar proposed a vote of thanks.

List of new members inducted is as follows: Paridhei Singh, Pratik Mandot, Ganesh Choudhari, K. Kalyan Kumar Reddy, Devarajan Madusudhan, Dr. R. Basavaraju, Dr. C.G. Ramachandra, Srikanth P. Kanave, M.L. Nagesh, M. Suresh, Nagesh, Jyosthna Belliappa and N.S. Sudarshan.

# Office-bearers of Sri Bhagavathi Kodava Co-op. Society

*Sri Bhagavathi Kodava Souharda Sahakari Niyamitha was inaugurated at Niveditanagar in city recently. The Governing Body Members for the next five years are: Palandira Somanna - President; Kuttimada Kariyappa - Vice-President; Allapanda Kushalappa, Mandaneravanda Nanaiah, Malchira Ponnappa, Machimanda Subramani, Adengada Somanna, Bottolanda Sarala and Thambukkukkira Pawana - all Directors; Palandira Ponnaiah and Mukkatira Belliyappa - Legal Advisors.*

# Ugly footwear pile greets patients, visitors at Cheluvamba Hospital

Mysuru, Nov. 12 (MTY&KS)- Patients and their attendants, who come to the nearly a century old Cheluvamba Hospital, adjacent to K.R. Hospital, are greeted by the ugly footwear pile dumped at the passage near the entrance of the hospital.

Cheluvamba Hospital and K.R. Hospital are both Tertiary Referral Centres and Teaching Hospitals attached to the Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI). Cheluvamba Hospital offers service to the routine obstetrics, gynaecology and paediatric patients, it has specialised units providing neonatal care, paediatric surgery, diarrhoeal diseases treatment and immunisations to mention a few. Hence, poor patients especially from rural side visit this hospital frequently.

After admitting the near and dear ones at Cheluvamba Hospital, the patient's relatives or attenders are not allowed to stay with them in the ward. They have to spend the nights outside (there is no shelter for them at the hospital).

They are called only when the doctor attends to their patient or only when necessary. While going inside the ward, they are asked to remove their footwear and when they come out of the ward, their footwear is gone. It is then the cleaning staff informs them that they have dumped their slippers or shoes outside the hospital in order to maintain cleanliness.

When the patient's attendant rushes out, he is unable to locate his footwear amidst hundreds of slippers and shoes and is hesitant to search for his/her footwear with bare hands as it is unhealthy and walks away barefoot.

The leftover footwear has piled up since a month. This has become a routine for the patients' attenders and relatives and the footwear pile is growing huge day-by-day. This dumping of footwear has not only become a bane for them but is also turning unhealthy, especially with the COVID-19 pandemic around.

M.S. Gururaja Shetty, a resident of Devaraja Mohalla, who had come with his friend's relative to Cheluvamba Hospital, told *Star of Mysore* that it is the cleaning staff, who remove the footwear left behind at the entrance of the ward and throw them into the footwear pile outside.

He further said: "We support and encourage cleanliness, but there should be a proper way for everything. How can the hospital staff expect the public to search their footwear dumped in the pile with their bare hands?, he questioned and added that the hospital authorities should think over and instruct the staff or make some facilities for the public to leave their footwear outside before entering the hospital.

R. Pramod Gowda, also of Devaraja Mohalla, who had come to meet a relative admitted at the hospital for delivery, said that there is not even a shelter for the patients' attenders and relatives to wait outside before meeting their near and dear ones admitted in the ward.

He further said that a zinc sheet or asbestos sheet shelter has to be erected near the hospital's entrance for waiting and also a rack has to be put up to leave the footwear before entering the hospital.

He said that this facility would avoid the ugly scene of footwear pile at the entrance of the hospital and the patients' relatives or attenders could leave their footwear outside and ask their accomplices to keep a watch over it.

The public have urged the hospital authorities to take steps to prevent piling of footwear at the entrance of the hospital.

## Footwear stand at all wards

Earlier, footwear stand was kept at the entrance of all wards. Relatives and visitors of patients do not follow rules. They have broken the footwear stand kept earlier. Now, steps have been taken to keep the stand at the entrance of all wards in the hospital and instruction to keep their footwear in the stand is also given, but most of them are not co-operating. Though instructions have been given to follow COVID-19 guidelines like wearing face masks and maintaining social distance, many are not following and five to six people come to visit the patient and they sit around the bed, despite hospital staff telling them not to do so. The co-operation of the public visiting patients is very much necessary to maintain hygienic atmosphere at the hospital. Facility to keep footwear in the stand would be made soon.

**—Dr. Pramila,**
**Medical Superintendent,**
**Cheluvamba Hospital**

# Free testing in all Govt. Hospitals for BPL card holders from next year: Minister

Mysuru, Nov. 12 (MK&SSV)- The State Government is seriously thinking of offering free testing for all ailments for Below Poverty Line (BPL) card holders in all hospitals including super speciality hospitals. An announcement to this effect will be made in new year, said Health & Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar.

Speaking at a meeting of the authorities of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) here yesterday, he said all tests including blood test are not conducted in Government hospitals and referred to private laboratories. Some doctors working in Government hospitals were partners in private labs. In the wake of this, the State Government was making preparations to launch a scheme of free testing in all government hospitals for BPL card holders from the new year.

**Correct lapses**

The Minister instructed officials to resolve administrative lapses of Mysore Medical College within a time-limit and asked officials to give a single contract for MMC&RI, Cheluvamba Hospital and PKTB Sanatorium to prevent lapses in outsourcing. The existing separate contracts should be cancelled immediately, he said and added "there is a need to maintain quality and transparency. If hospital faces any legal issues then it should approach the Government for any guidance."

Dr. Sudhakar was furious about failure of officials to utilise the fund allocated for building maintenance from past three years and directed them to complete all renovation works in stipulated time. Tender should be floated as per the Government rules for hostel repair and equipment procurement. The agency must be competent enough to supply the order and all information has to be passed to the Director of Medical Education.

Dr. Sudhakar assured to consider the request of MLA Nagendra to establish Cancer Treatment Centre at super specialty hospital in Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model on priority. He also assured to provide Rs. 52 crore funds for renovation of K.R. Hospital building which will be completing 100 years next year. "DME and Principal Secretary must hold review meetings regularly and do spot inspection, if necessary. Mysuru, Bengaluru, Ballari and Hubballi Medical Colleges are pride of Karnataka and they must be developed as model Institutes, he noted.

Medical Education Director Dr. Girish, MMC&RI Dean Dr. Nanjaraj, K.R. Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. Nanjundaswamy & Dr. Roopa were present.

# 'Action on dilapidated Medical College Hostel after engineers report'

Mysuru, Nov.12 (YDS&SSV)- Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar said that action on dilapidated Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) Men's Hostel located opposite MUDA on JLB Road, will be taken in another four days.

"I have asked engineers to submit a report within four days. Depending upon their observation, the State Government will decide whether to go for renovation or build new building by demolishing the existing structure," he said.

Talking to reporters after inspecting the ramshackle building yesterday, the Minister said he was very pained to see the medical students living under such a dangerous situation. They will go by what the engineers say. The Government is ready for renovation of the building which is 60 year old or demolition to construct the new building. The work will be taken out of funds available from Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) and Department of Medical Education.

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Multifarious

**Pronunciation:** mul-tuh-FAIR-ee-us.

**Meaning:** Having or occurring in great variety : diverse.
**Origin:** Before the late 16th-century appearance of multifarious, there was another word similar in form and meaning being used: multifary, meaning "in many ways," appeared—and disappeared—in the 15th century. Before either of the English words existed, there was the Medieval Latin word multifarius, from Latin multifariam, meaning "in many places" or "on many sides." Multi-, as you may know, is a combining form meaning "many." A relative of multifarious in English is omnifarious ("of all varieties, forms, or kinds"), created with omni- ("all") rather than multi-.
**Example:** "The word 'fate,' of course, did not help me, being inadequate to describe the sense of a multifarious, infinitely complex, dreamy yet purposeful universe which I had in mind—being altogether too singular a word...." — Fay Weldon, The Cloning of Joanna May, 1989.

## THE ODD WORD

### Macilent

Lean; excessively thin.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### Make a clean breast of it

**Meaning:** To make a full disclosure; to confess.
**Origin:** The Oxford English Dictionary defines the noun breast as 'the two soft protuberances situated on the thorax in females'. The meaning used in 'make a clean breast of it' is an earlier and less literal one. The 'breast' there is the seat of the one's emotions and secrets; one's 'heart'. To disclose this openly was to clean one's heart of impurity. Any mention of breasts now is likely to be a reference to the 'soft protuberances' - we are more liable these days to 'get something off our chest'.
'Make a clean breast of it' is known since the 18th century and is cited by Cameron in The Scots Magazine, 1752:
"He pressed him... to make a clean breast, and tell him all."
The phrase parallels the later, 19th century American 'come clean'.
See also, 'keep your hands clean' / 'keep your nose clean.'

## QUOTE BOX

Let everyone sweep in front of his own door, and the whole world will be clean. **—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe**

## RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

TIRED
TIRED

*Answer: Too tired.*

## SUDOKU

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| 8 | 6 | | | | 3 | | 5 | |
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Answer to previous puzzle

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| 9 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
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| 6 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 9 |
| 7 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 4 |
| 8 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 2 |
| 3 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 8 |

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**

1 Mythical monsters, as ogres
5 Fame or renown
9 Society page miss
12 Scottish lake
13 Poetically black
14 Australian bird
15 Moslem leader
16 Lions or tigers? (4,4)
18 Conviviality
20 He is a titled person
21 7 day periods
23 Pertaining to wings
26 Enter ___ : Metallica hit ?
29 Nimble
30 Couple
31 Arrange the feathers
33 Dine
34 Eat away by constant friction
36 Made changes
38 Talkative bird
39 Concert hall
40 Ski lift (1-3)
42 Reply or response
46 Sending out
49 Incite
50 Purpose
51 __ __ uncertain terms : quite emphatically? (2,2)
52 Interpret mentally, declare interpretation of ?
53 Arctic explorer John
54 Antiquing liquid
55 Comes to a conclusion

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**

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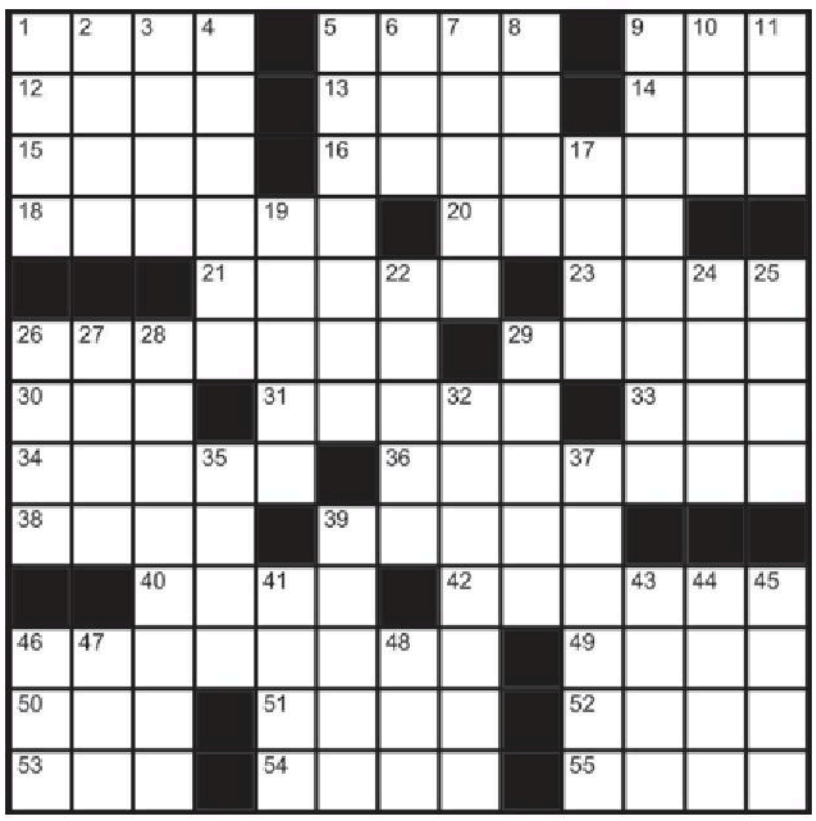
| O | S | E | | K | R | I | S | | D | A | N | E |

**DOWN**

1 Couturier Cassini
2 Their capital for the Italians?
3 202 in Roman numerals
4 Clever and of keen perception
5 Happy __ ___ : 31st Dec. night greetings? (3,4)
6 Japanese sash
7 Of bell, rings with slow strokes
8 Internal as a prefix?
9 More likely to be lethal
10 Amb. attendant
11 Public vehicle
17 Steep rugged rock
19 Valley near Mt Olympus
22 Work on dough
24 Wings or winglike parts
25 In short, no more on active duty?
26 Part of a flower
27 Askew, crooked or lopsided
28 Midday
29 Composer ___ Dvorak
32 ___ Rigby: Beatles hit
35 Flounders; touches lightly
37 Make certain
39 Mining for valuable minerals
41 Largest continent
43 Songbird found in English forests
44 A slang word uttered in amazement or surprise
45 Communists, colloquially speaking
46 A head of corn
47 Missing in action in short
48 First number



## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**MX'H K XEHH-OD PRYC FEO IYTMIY XE VYKSY XRY GYKXYC**

**XUKTL. NKCF KUY TKVVYI, GOX QYP KUY TREHYC**

**TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS U**

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** Before you hate something you should try to understand it.

# Team India departs for Australia Tour

## Sports customised PPE kits for safe travel

New Delhi, Nov. 12- The Indian cricket team yesterday departed for a two-month long tour of Australia where it will aim to build on the historic Test series win two years ago.

The BCCI tweeted photographs of the Indian contingent before departure with the players sporting customised PPE kits for travel amid the COVID-19 pandemic. *"#TeamIndia is BACK! Let's embrace the new normal,"* read the photo caption on BCCI Twitter handle.

The majority of the India squad members were competing in the IPL and following the conclusion of their respective team's campaign, they moved to the bio-bubble created for the national team in the UAE.

Test specialists like Cheteshwar Pujara and the support staff had arrived last month to enter the national team bio-bubble.

Rohit Sharma, who led Mumbai Indians to a record fifth IPL title on Tuesday night, and Ishant Sharma, who is recovering from internal oblique muscle tear injury at the NCA in Bengaluru, will join the team later. Ishant will be added to the squad after he proves his fitness.

The selectors had added Rohit to the Test squad after initially excluding him due to the hamstring injury he sustained last month. However, he made a surprise comeback for the final league game of the IPL and went on to play two more games, including the summit clash.

India's number one Test wicket-keeper Wriddhiman Saha is also travelling with the squad after he sustained injuries to both his hamstrings during his side Sunrisers Hyderabad's IPL game on Nov. 3.

"A call on his availability will be taken later," the BCCI had said when it announced the revised squad on Nov. 9.

The Indian team will land in Sydney where it will undergo a 14-day quarantine during which it has been allowed to train.

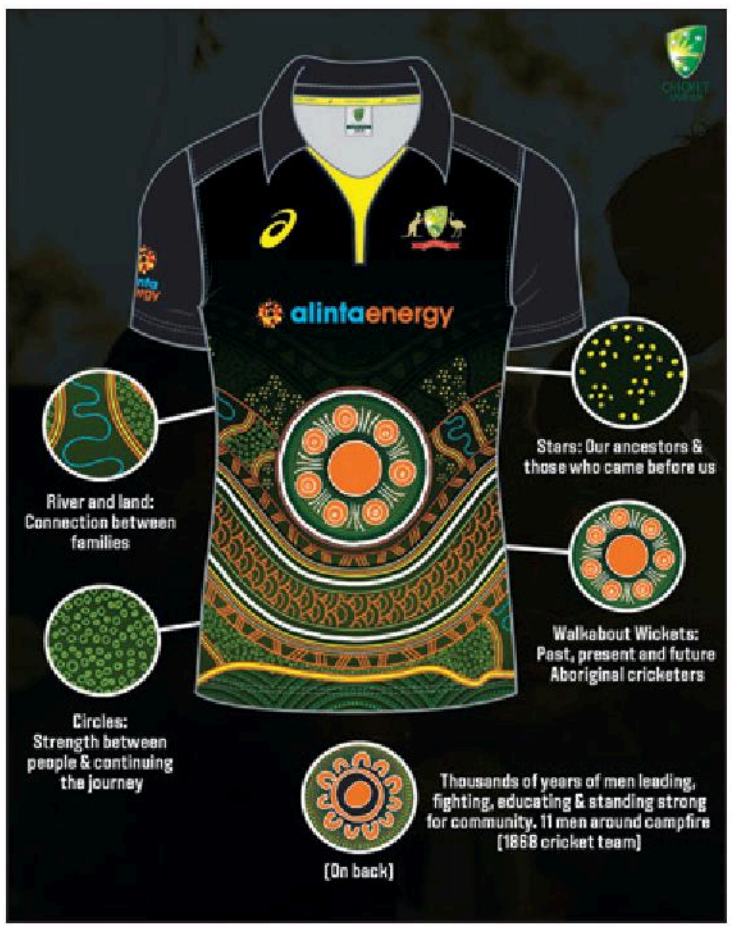
Indian play three ODIs, three T20s and four Tests starting Nov. 27. The ODI and T20 series will be played in Sydney and Canberra from Nov. 27 to Dec. 8.

The much-anticipated Test series begins with the Day-Night Test at Adelaide from Dec. 17.

Skipper Virat Kohli has been granted paternity leave after the first Test as he and his wife Anushka Sharma are expecting their first child.

# Australia men's cricket team to wear 'Indigenous' jersey

## in upcoming T20Is against India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River and land: Connection between families
Stars: Our ancestors & those who came before us
Walkabout Wickets: Past, present and future Aboriginal cricketers
Circles: Strength between people & continuing the journey
Thousands of years of men leading, fighting, educating & standing strong for community. 11 men around campfire [1868 cricket team]
[On back]

***"Designed by Kirrae Whurrong woman Aunty Fiona Clarke and Butchulla and Gubbi Gubbi woman Courtney Hagen, the shirt continues the storytelling of the 1868 cricket team," Cricket Australia tweeted.***

Canberra, Nov. 12- Cricket Australia yesterday confirmed that the men's team will be wearing an "Indigenous" jersey in the upcoming three-match Twenty20 International (T20I) series against India.

The shirt will continue the storytelling of the first-ever Australian team to tour overseas in 1868. The 1868 Australian cricket team had made a three-month journey from Australia to the UK by sea and the side played 47 matches at some of the most famous grounds in world cricket.

*"Designed by Kirrae Whurrong woman Aunty Fiona Clarke and Butchulla and Gubbi Gubbi woman Courtney Hagen, the shirt continues the storytelling of the 1868 cricket team,"* Cricket Australia tweeted.

Kirrae Whurrong woman Aunty Fiona Clarke, the great-great-granddaughter of Grongarrong (Mosquito), who was one of the members of the team that played in England in 1868, designed the original Walkabout Wickets artwork that will feature on the front of the playing shirt, reported a section of the media.

The shirt was co-designed by Courtney Hagen, Butchulla, and Gubbi Gubbi woman and Cricket Australia's Indigenous Engagement Specialist.

"Through the design, we wanted to create something that paid tribute to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cricketers — past, present, and future. We have incorporated artwork that symbolises strength, guidance, and support through a connection to our ancestors, represented through the stars and the resilience of the 1868 team represented strongly. It was an honour to be able to co-design this shirt with Aunty Fiona," said Hagen.

First T20I between India and Australia will take place on Dec. 4 at Manuka Oval in Canberra.

## EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 12)

- **Sri Chandru Grameena Sangeetha Kala Sangha, Mysuru district:** 'Sangeetha Sambhrama 2020' of Kannada songs (folk songs, bhavageete and film songs), Social Welfare Department Mysuru Joint Director Muniraju inaugurates, Dy. Mayor Sridhar presides, Kannada & Culture Asst. Director H. Chennappa, Nehru Yuva Kendra Co-ordinator S. Sddaramappa, Industrialist H.S. Kumar, Babu Jagjivan Ram Study and Extension Centre Research Officer M. Srinivasa Murthy and Pandavapura Municipal Council Archana Chandrashekar chief guests, cultural programme - folk song by Siddaraju and troupe, Mysuru; Bhavageete by Santavani Sudhakara and troupe, Bengaluru; Patriotic songs by Murarji and troupe, Chitradurga, sound and light by Lakshmi Sounds, Mysuru, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **4 pm.**
- **Sri Abhayam Foundation:** Deepavali gift - distribution of a pair of earthen lamps and other materials, Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji graces the occasion, social worker K. Raghuram Vajapayee inaugurates, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Subbarayanakere, **5 pm.**

## NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Dia (K)* | (S-1) | 11.30 am |
| | (S-2) | 7.30 pm |
| *Break The Silence The Movie (Korean)* | | |
| | (S-1) | 2.20 pm, 4.50 pm |
| *Shivarjuna (K)* | (S-2) | 1.15 pm |
| *Ek Tha Tiger (H)* | (S-2) | 4.15 pm |
| *Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge (H)* | (S-3) | 7.15 pm |
| *Baahubali - The Beginning (Te)* | (S-4) | 6.40 pm |

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|---|---|---|
| *Dia (K)* | (S-1) | 1.40 pm |
| *Rangasthalam (Te)* | (S-1) | 5 pm |
| *KGF (K)* | (S-3) | 12.00 noon |
| *5 Adi 7 Angula (K)* | (S-3) | 3.30 pm |
| *Baahubali - The Beginning (H)* | (S-2) | 6 pm |
| *Break The Silence The Movie (English Sub Title) (Korean)* | | |
| | (S-2) | 1 pm, 3.30 pm |
| | (S-3) | 7 pm |

**NOTE:** Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

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